

**Forest Land-Kolhapur**

Diversion of 0.1295 ha. Forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Pune for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable Line passing within RoW of existing road at Village Dhamane, Tal. Ajra, Dist. Kolhapur

**Government of Maharashtra  
Revenue and Forest Department  
Government Order No. FLD-2022/C.R.84/F-10  
Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032.  
Date: 16.12.2022**

**Ref.:**

- 1) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Letter No. Desk-17/ Nodal/Kolhapur/(28)/ID-12894/2719/2021-22, Dt.16.03.2022.
- 2) Revenue and Forest Department, Government of Maharashtra, Government Order No. FLD-2022/C.R.84/F-10, Dt. 11.05.2022
- 3) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/Kolhapur/ID-12894/(28)/1134/2022-23, Dt. 04.08.2022.

**Order :**

Whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, vide his letter under reference No.1 has submitted a proposal to the State Government, which was received from M/s. Reliance JIO Infocomm Ltd., Pune for Diversion of 0.1295 ha. Forest land for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable passing within existing RoW of SH-189 at Village Dhamane, Tal. Ajra, Dist. Kolhapur.

AND whereas, Government of Maharashtra after due consideration, vide its order under reference No. 2 accorded 'in-principle' approval with certain conditions to above proposal for diversion of 0.1295 ha. forest land under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980;

AND whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, vide letter under reference No. 3 has submitted compliance of those conditions to the Government of Maharashtra;

NOW, therefore, in exercise of powers conferred to State Government under general approval given vide MoEF&CC, Government of India's Handbook of Guidelines for effective and transparent implementation of the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 [Chapter-4, Para-4.2], Government of Maharashtra is pleased to grant **Final Approval** for Diversion of 0.1295 ha. Forest Land.

Therefore, the Government of Maharashtra directs that 0.1295 ha. Forest Land consisting of Reserved Forest Land more specifically described in the proposal submitted vide letter under reference No.1 and mentioned in the Schedule given below, be diverted to the User Agency, i.e. M/s. Reliance JIO Infocomm Ltd., Pune for laying underground Optical Fibre Cable passing within existing RoW of SH-189 at Village Dhamane, Tal. Ajra, Dist. Kolhapur. This approval for diversion of forest land is subject to compliance of following conditions by the User Agency-

1. The diversion shall be effected subject to the terms and conditions mentioned in the 'In-Principle' approval order dated 11.05.2022.

2. The Chief Conservator of Forests / Deputy Conservator of Forests will reconfirm that compliances under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 are not needed for the project, In case, the proposed area falls in the Right of Way of the road passing through Protected Areas, prior permission of the State Board for Wildlife should be obtained.
3. The User Agency shall comply with all the conditions stipulated in the above mentioned 'in-principle' and in this order of Government of Maharashtra. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial), Kolhapur shall ensure the strict compliance of the conditions by the User Agency. CCF will furnish the report in this regard to Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur from time to time.
4. Non-compliance of any of the conditions mentioned in Government of Maharashtra's order dated 11.05.2022, in this order and Rules and Guidelines made / issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, shall amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken accordingly.
5. In case of non-compliance of any of the above conditions, the concerned Chief Conservator of Forests / Deputy Conservator of Forests shall report through the State Government to Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur as per procedure laid down in the guidelines under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

#### **SCHEDULE**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Item of work / Purpose</b>	<b>Name of the Village</b>	<b>Compt. No.</b>	<b>Gut No.</b>	<b>Length x Width (in Mtr)</b>	<b>Area (in ha.)</b>	<b>Legal Status</b>
1.	Laying of OFC line from Uttar to Kapshi Bahirewadi S.H.189 Km 62/200 to 76/100 km.	Dhamane	269 (B)	515	1295 x 1	0.1295	Reserved Forest
<b>Total Forest Area (in ha.)</b>						<b>0.1295</b>	

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By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra,

**(Ganesh Jadhao)**  
**Under Secretary to the**  
**Government of Maharashtra**

**Copy to:**

1. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur
3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Maharashtra State, Nagpur

4. Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur.
5. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, M.S., Nagpur
6. APCCF& Chief Executive Officer (Maha-CAMPA), Maharashtra State, Nagpur
7. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Conservation), M.S., Nagpur
8. Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial), Kolhapur
9. Collector, Kolhapur.
10. Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Kolhapur.
11. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kolhapur.
12. M/s. Reliance JIO Infocomm Ltd., Pune
13. Select File, Desk F-10.

- I. Collector- Kolhapur, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Kolhapur and Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kolhapur are hereby directed to forward the copy of this order to concerned Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats, Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government and they shall also ensure the display of this order on their notice board as well as on the notice board of local self-government bodies for the information of general public.
- II. M/s. Reliance JIO Infocomm Ltd., Pune is hereby directed that they should publish the entire order of forest clearances granted in verbatim along with the details of Survey No., Gut No., area and legal status of each Survey, Gut No. etc. along with the conditions and safe guards imposed by the State Government while granting forest clearances in two widely circulated daily newspapers, one in vernacular language and other in English language. Copy of the Newspapers be submitted to Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial), Kolhapur & Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kolhapur.
- III. Heads of local bodies are hereby directed to display the copy of this order on notice board for 30 days from the date of receipt for the information of general public.